

109TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 2379

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 16, 2005

Mr. LYNCH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Vets Rx Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PHARMACIES**  
2 **TO DISPENSE MEDICATIONS TO VETERANS**  
3 **ON PRESCRIPTIONS WRITTEN BY PRIVATE**  
4 **PRACTITIONERS.**

5 Section 1712 of title 38, United States Code, is  
6 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
7 section:

8 “(f)(1) The Secretary shall provide for Department  
9 health-care facilities to furnish to a veteran such drugs  
10 and medicines as may be ordered on prescription of a duly  
11 licensed physician in the treatment of any illness or injury  
12 of the veteran.

13 “(2) The furnishing of drugs and medicines under  
14 this subsection shall be subject to the copayment require-  
15 ment in section 1722A of this title.”.

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